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Dear Interested Party:

### PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT STABILIZATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RECORD OF DECISION

Enclosed is the Record of Decision (ROD) for the "Plutonium Finishing Plant (PFP) Stabilization Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)." The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has prepared this ROD in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality implementing procedures (40 CFR 1500), and DOE implementing procedures (10 CFR 1021).

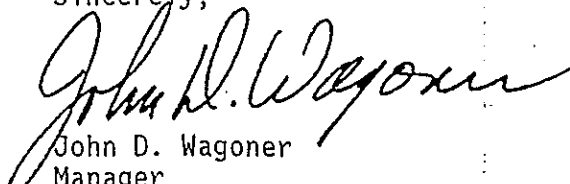
The PFP Stabilization EIS ROD documents DOE's decision to expeditiously and safely reduce radiation exposure to workers and the public, and the risk to the environment. The ROD will initiate the removal of plutonium-bearing material in hold-up at the PFP Facility and will initiate the stabilization of this and other plutonium-bearing material at the PFP Facility. Following stabilization, all plutonium-bearing material will be in a form suitable for interim storage in existing vaults at the PFP Facility. The ROD also addresses the immobilization and discard of plutonium-bearing material with low plutonium content.

The ROD, Final EIS, and reference documents are available in public reading rooms and information repositories. For further information or to request additional copies, contact:

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DOE will continue to inform the public and interested parties on any subsequent actions related to this ROD.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure:  
PFP Stabilization EIS  
Record of Decision